the Executive Council for the appointment of a Rector in the University. There is no proposal to fill this post at present.

Demand for extension of Children Educational Allowance to the Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas

2783. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Children education allowance to Central Government employees is admissible only upto Higher Secondary level;

(b) if so, what is the justification for not covering higher education;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has demanded its extension to higher eduction; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Education allowance for Central Government employees has been fixed based on the recommendations of the fourth Central Pay Commission. The Commission had advised that at the present stage, it would be enough to provide education assistance upto the school level.

(c) and (d) No such representation is available on the records of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Disciplinary proceedings against the Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Silchar Region

2784. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Silchar Region against whom disciplinary proceedings have been contemplated/initiated; and

(b) what are the details of the changes against each of these Principals?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Disciplinary proceedings against two Principals of Silchar Region have been initiated/ contemplated for alleged offences of administrative lapses, harassment of subordinate staff, insub-ordination and financial irregularities.

Sanitary conditions in Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi/New Delhi

2785. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sanitary conditions in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi and New Delhi Areas are not congenial; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Sanitary conditions in Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi and New Delhi are generally satisfactory. However, further improvement of sanitary conditions is a continuing process.

Reservation of seats for the children of SC/ST and Ex-Servicemen for admission in Kendriya Vidyalaya

2786. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a reservation of seats for the child-

ren belonging to SC/ST and Ex-Servicemen for admission in the class I standard in the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Janak Puri and Vikas Puri, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of seats filled and unfilled of these categories; and

(c) waht steps have been taken to fill the remaining seats in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) For admission to class I of Kendriya Vidyalayas there is provision for reservation of seats to the extent of 15% and 7.5% for children of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively. There is however, no reservation of seats for admission of children of ex-servicemen.

(b) The requisite quota of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes together in Class-I in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Janakpuri and Vikas Puri, New Delhi has been filledup.

(c) Does not arise.

Selection of teachers for the Navodaya Vidyalayas

2787. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Selection of Teachers for the Navodaya Vidyalayas was done recently by giving preference to Untrained Post Graduates and Graduates in preference to Trained Post Graduates and Trained Graduates; and

(b) what are the reasons and the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No preference is being given to Untrained Graduate/Post-Graduate teachers over trained Graduates/Post Graduates. However, in certain subjects like English, Science, Maths etc. where there is shortage of trained teachers, untrained Graduate/Post Graduate Teachers having 60% or more marks through out their careers, have been considered on trial basis subject to the condition that they shall complete their training within 3 years of their recruitment.

Suit filed by Japanese Air Hostesses of Air India

2788. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Japanese Air Hostesses of Air India have filed a suit in the District Court of Tokyo alleging sex discrimination and for the early retirement age; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air-India has taken the stand before the court that the provisions of Air-India Employees Service Regulations are applicable to all Air hostesses, including Japanese Air hostesses. The matter is sub-judice.

Financial help to affiliated colleges by the U.G.C.

2789. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision in the U.G.C. to provide financial help to those affiliated colleges which do fall under F-2 or 12-B class of colleges; and

(b) if not, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?